

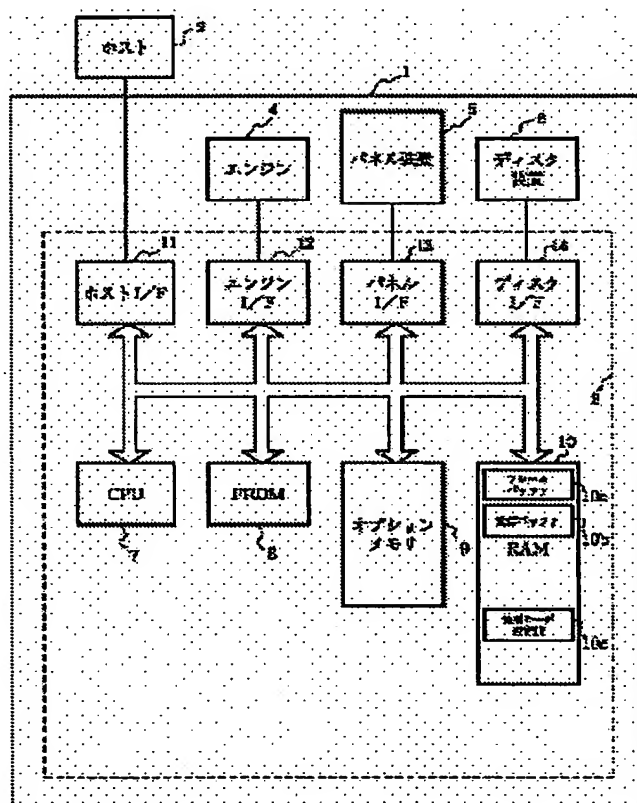
# COMMUNICATION CONTROLLER, COMMUNICATION CONTROL METHOD, AND MEMORY

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## Abstract of JP9259079

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To set whether or not to actually use respective supported modes in a communication protocol provided with the plural modes by providing a responding means for responding whether or not the mode inquired from a host device is supported to the host device according to a setting means for setting whether or not to use the plural modes for communication with the host device or the like. **SOLUTION:** A laser beam printer (LBP) 1 is composed of a printer controller 3, an engine 4, panel device 5 and a disk device 6 and is connected to an external host 2. A CPU 7 performs control based on the respective kinds of control programs stored in a PROM 8 and a program or the like referred to by the CPU 7 in the scene of deciding by using which mode the communication is to be performed is stored in the PROM 8. When whether or not a certain mode is supported is inquired from the host 2 to the LBP 1, interruption-informing is performed to the CPU 7 for instructing to respond whether or not the mode is supported is performed.



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